CBI inquiry against DDA Officials

† 2528. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to immediately suspend the Vice-Chairman of DDA, Commissioner (Personnel) and Chief Vigilance Officer and conduct CBI inquiry into their activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) On prima preliminary enquiry by DDA, some cases have come to light in the Housing Department of DDA where irregularities with respect to restoration of flats which had been cancelled, and irregularity in refunds have been detected. On the basis of preliminary enquiry, it was found that under Self Financing Scheme allotments of flats which were cancelled earlier had been restored to persons who had forged signatures and had given forged special power of attorney. On the basis of this eight officials of DDA were placed under suspension on 28.9.2000. Thereafter, the matters regarding irregularities detected in the Self Financing Scheme were handed over to the Crime Branch (Economic Offences Wing), Delhi Police. Eight DDA officials have been arrested in this connection.

The CBI had separately started investigation in the irregularities and fraudulent means adopted in the cases of restoration as well as refund of money in Expandable Housing Scheme of DDA. One FIR against nine officials of DDA has also been registered by CBI. In this connection CBI had conducted raids at the residences as well as offices of nine DDA officials on 10.11.2000 and all these officials have been put under suspension. In addition CBI had also raided the

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offices and residences of four private persons who are mainly property brokers and whose involvement in such cases had been *prima facie* established by the CBI.

To date the CBI has not indicated to the Ministry any connivance of the Vice Chairman, DDA, Commissioner (Personnel) and the Chief Vigilance Officer, DDA in the above case. As such, there is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to suspend these officers or *suo-moto* order CBI investigation against them.

Amendment in the Property Registration Act

† 2529. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally decided to amend the Property Registration Act, Property Transfer Act and Indian Stamp Act;

(b) if so, the details of proposed amendments in the said Acts;

(c) whether the cost of land and property will be affected as a result of proposed Amendments; and

(d) the extent to which the illegal transactions in property will be checked due to proposed amendments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. A Bill namely "The Registration and Other Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2000" has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on the 1st December, 2000.

(b) The details of proposed Amendment Bill are as follows:—

(i) A new section 16A is proposed to be inserted in the Registration Act, 1908 for making an enabling provision for computerisation of registration records;

(ii) Section 17 of the Registration Act, 1908 is proposed to be amendment by inserting new sub-section (IA) for making registration of the documents containing contracts of the nature mentioned in section 53A of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 (namely contracts to transfer any immovable property for consideration by way of part-performance) compulsory. Other consequential amendments are also proposed to be made in the Registration Act, 1908 and in the Transfer of Property Act, 1882;

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